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TEST UNITS 10, 11 & 12



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1 ▷ Listen to an expert talking on a radio show about photographic memory. Choose TRUE or FALSE.

- 1 The speaker says that there is no evidence that a photographic memory, in the real sense of the word, exists.
TRUE / FALSE
- 2 Memories that appear to be photographic seem to be a result of intense examination of the subject.
TRUE / FALSE
- 3 People who have excellent memories in particular areas typically have no trouble remembering daily tasks.
TRUE / FALSE
- 4 The majority of people with superior memories say that their memories only became good on reaching adulthood. TRUE / FALSE
- 5 Eidetikers can nearly always retain an extremely accurate memory of unfamiliar images. TRUE / FALSE

2 ▷ Listen again and complete the sentences. Use one word in each space.

- 1 Most people seem to remember _____ material, like faces, better than names.
- 2 The speaker gives the example of _____ players being able to win games while blindfolded.
- 3 Genetics and life experiences are two _____ that can influence the development of a photographic memory.
- 4 The speaker says that _____ testing could determine how good Mario's memory is.
- 5 Eidetikers' descriptions may contain _____ within just minutes of looking at an image.

3 Choose the correct option a–c to complete the sentences.

- 1 There's no need _____ Jana about the latest development – she already knows.
a of emailing
b to email
c for email
- 2 What's your experience _____ with European customers?
a for dealing
b about dealing
c of dealing
- 3 The government _____ their new policy on the personal tax allowance.
a has already confirmed
b already has confirmed
c has confirmed already
- 4 Our new neighbours _____ for our help when they first moved in.
a extremely were grateful
b were grateful extremely
c were extremely grateful
- 5 I wish now that the shop assistant hadn't _____ an extended guarantee for my digital camera.
a talked me into buying
b talked into me buying
c talked me buying into
- 6 _____ you do it, please make sure this information is on my desk by first thing tomorrow.
a Wherever
b Whichever
c However
- 7 _____ happened to Lana and Olga? I haven't seen or heard of them for months!
a Whatsoever
b No matter what
c Whatever
- 8 I _____ tell me how I should organize my personal life – I'm quite capable of doing it for myself!
a haven't got anyone to
b won't have anyone
c won't get anyone to

4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of words from the box. There are two words that you don't need.

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- 1 The invention of the smartphone has _____ the way we communicate.
- 2 After putting the oil and vinegar in a jar, shake it _____ to mix them.
- 3 It's fair to say that the television is one of the greatest _____ of our time.
- 4 Few people seem to have formal dinner parties any more. That practice seems rather _____ these days.
- 5 During an economic recession, little _____ like expensive cakes and chocolate are one of the first things that people give up.
- 6 Chilli powder is a strong spice, so add it _____ to your cooking to avoid making it too hot.
- 7 The government has said it is going to stop _____ some projects in order to spend more on others.
- 8 This new album is quite a radical _____ from the style of the singer's previous work.
- 9 After a couple of months doing _____ voluntary work, Paola now has a full-time job with a good salary.
- 10 Both pieces of research had _____ similar results, even though not all the details agreed.

5 Read the article about the development of language.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF LANGUAGE

One of the fundamental features of human development is our ability to pass information from one generation to another. If this were not possible, the human race would not have advanced to our current status. ¹ _____ But the development of language enabled new ways for humans to become more sophisticated and is therefore a crucial turning point in the history of mankind.

It is estimated that there are as many as 7,000 different languages spoken around the world today. ² _____ The very fact that we are surrounded by complex language is, for some experts, convincing evidence that we are born with a basic knowledge of language, rather than it being something we have created over time. Around fifty years ago, the scientist and philosopher Noam Chomsky revolutionized the study of linguistics by rejecting the idea that children acquire language through learning and imitation alone. Instead, he proposed that there are innate characteristics in the brain which allow us to learn both language and grammar.

More recently, psychologists Steven Pinker and Paul Bloom proposed a theory that as life became more complex for humans, they developed a more advanced system to communicate increasingly sophisticated ideas. ³ _____ It may be helpful to think of it in these terms: if prehistoric man was gathering food and suddenly spotted a herd of animals he wanted to hunt, he may have indicated to his food-gathering partner that animals were in the area by making a low, grunting sound. But supposing that while he was watching the same herd, a larger predator approached and frightened away his anticipated food source. The hunter would go hungry and remain so, along with any others depending on him, until he could locate an alternative food source.

In time, Pinker and Bloom suggest, the hunter would learn to recognize the signs that could indicate a threat to his ability to find food, be this another animal or bad weather, for instance. ⁴ _____ This may have involved more than one low grunt, and it was this series of noises that constituted the beginning of the adaptation that became language. As humans learnt more about survival, they were able to pass on their knowledge to the next generation using ever more complex language.

Human language is an enormously complex characteristic which has allowed people to exchange ideas, communicate our thoughts and feelings, record the past and plan the future. ⁵ _____ It separates humans from other animals and at the same time allows them to create strong bonds with each other. Yet despite over sixty years of research into how children acquire language, there are still many unanswered questions about what is one of the most fundamental aspects of what it means to be human.

6 Five sentences have been removed from the article. Choose the most suitable sentence A–G for each part of the article. There are two sentences that you don't need.

- A He therefore had the need to come up with a way of communicating this crucial information to others.
- B We use it to make sense of the world around us and to fix our place within it.
- C The social interactions between prehistoric humans are poorly understood, but it is evident that brain size was a factor in the limited way they communicated.
- D Among all of these there is not a single one that could be classed as an 'easy' language.
- E Until the existence of language, what was transferred was limited to genetic information passed from parents to offspring.
- F In contrast, we find it difficult to carry out simple mathematical tasks with the same ease.
- G This development involved initial relatively straightforward gestures or calls becoming combinations of sounds.